December last year were promptly attended to and removed, resulting in its satisfactory performance during April-June 1985. The equipment later again developed some faults. These have also been removed and the quality of transmission has now become satisfactory.

Hindi news bulletins of AIR and TV

450. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to conduct a survey in Hindi and non-Hindi speaking areas to find out as to what percentage of people understand the Hindi used in the news bulletins of AIR and T.V.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): The Hindi used in the news bulletins of All India Radio and T.V. is simple and chaste. The Media have to information that the Hindi used in the news bulletins is not understood by the people.

Presently, there is no proposal to conduct a survey.

Second channel of Delhi Doordarshan

451. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that second channel of Delhi Doordarshan is poorly utilised;

(b) what is the estimated percentage of viewers for the second channel; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the transmission time and to improve the quality of programmes on that channel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) While it is true that the utilisation of the second channel of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi is less than that of the first channel, an audience research carried out by Directorate General, Doordarshan in February-March 1985 shows that the weekly reach of the second channel is estimated to be 45 per cent. In other words, almost every alternate TV owned opens this channel at least once in a week. This shows that during the short period of its existence since September 1984 the second channel has captured an appreciable size of audience.

(c) Presently, there is no proposal to increase the transmission time of 2 hours daily of the second channel However, efforts are constantly underway to improve the contents and quality of the programmes.

Film on Late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi

452. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to co-produce with the Soviet Union a film on the life of the Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The Soviet Union has expressed interest in producing a full length documentary film on Shrimati Indira Gandhi. However, no final view has been taken in this matter so far.